



OUUF Weekly Update An Inclusive Community

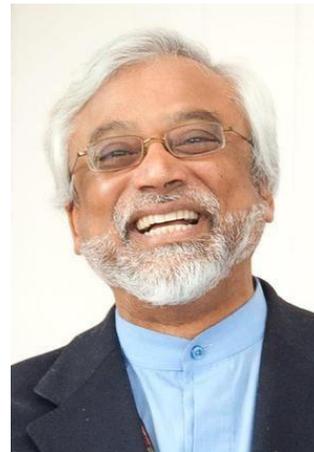
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March 21 – 28, 2021



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March 21, 2021
Via Zoom
Jamal Rahman



Sermon Title: Wisdom of the Prophet Muhammad for our Polarized Times

Description: The 7th century Prophet lived in the Arabian Peninsula during a time of intense warfare between tribes and utter disregard for the marginalized. In ten short years he was able to unite the tribes and lay the groundwork for a grassroots community to evolve and flourish. What lessons can we glean for our troubled times?

Bio Jamal Rahman is a popular speaker on Islam, Sufi spirituality, and interfaith relations. Along with his Interfaith Amigos, he has been featured in the New York Times, CBS News, BBC, and various NPR programs. He is a former co-host of Interfaith Talk Radio and travels nationally and internationally, presenting at retreats and workshops.

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An email with the Sunday regular service Zoom information will be sent on Fridays. ***If you do not receive the email please contact Elinor Tennyson*** at admin@olympicuuf.com

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ZOOM SECURITY: Sunday Service
If you know anyone who would like to join the service, please forward contact information to Elinor Tennyson or Sandy Goodwick and they can send the link. We ask you not to share a Zoom invite link.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS and THINGS OF INTEREST
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We reserve the right to edit your submission for length and grammar.
 Announcements need to be submitted **by Tuesday** to admin@olympicuuf.com

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OOUF EVENT CALENDAR – open groups only
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OOUF sponsored events are offered to members and friends as a way to provide increased spiritual, mental and physical health in a safe and caring environment. Groups have at their foundation the Seven Principles of Unitarian/Universalism, as well as our OOUF purpose and mission. They operate under the Washington State Covid-19 guidelines. Please contact Elinor Tennyson at admin@olympicuuf.com if you have questions or would like clarification.

Wednesdays	The Evening Men’s Group - Zoom 7-9pm	Contact: George Stratton (360) 808-4477
	Fellowship open Noon-1:00-pm Covid-19 protocol	Contact: Elinor Tennyson (360) 417-2665 or admin@olympicuuf.com
	OOUF Women’s Meeting – Zoom 6-7pm	Contact: Jean Stratton jeanmstratton@gmail.com
Thursdays	Reflections - Zoom 1st and 3 rd Thursdays 1:00pm	Contact: Elaine Webber for Zoom link elainjwebber@hotmail.com
Sundays	Sunday Service - Zoom 11am	Contact: Elinor Tennyson for Zoom link (360) 417-2665 or admin@olympicuuf.com
	Sunday Service – Zoom viewing 11am Fellowship sanctuary – doors open 10:30am	Contact: Elinor Tennyson for reservation. (360) 417-2665 or admin@olympicuuf.com
	Children’s Service - Zoom 10:15am	Contact: Zoom link Juliafbuggy@gmail.com

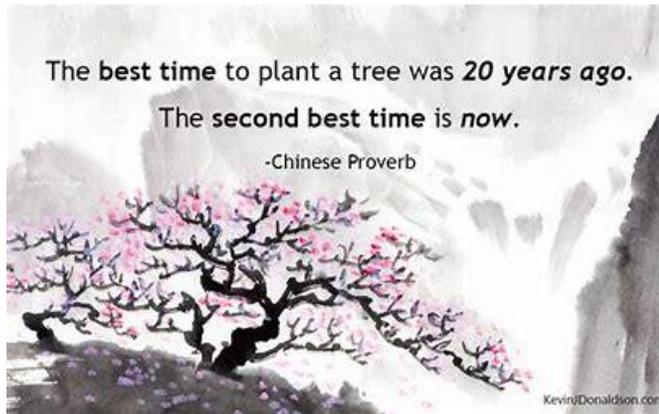
See OOUF website for complete calendar list by date click [OOUF WEBSITE](#)

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UPCOMING SUNDAY SPEAKERS:
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| March 28 | Joseph Bednarik | May 2 | Lynn Unger |
| April 4 | Jamal Rahman | May 9 | Bruce Bode |
| April 11 | Bruce Bode | May 16 | Jamal Rahman |
| April 18 | Joseph Bednarik | May 23 | Joseph Bednarik |
| April 25 | Joseph Bednarik | May 30 | Bruce Bode |

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Shared by George Will



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ZOOM SUNDAY SERVICES AT OUUF

permitted under the recent proclamation

We invite and welcome persons who would like to join our Zoom Sunday service at the Fellowship. The Zoom meeting will be projected onto the large TV screen for viewing with CLOSED CAPTIONS. All Covid-19 guidelines are followed. If you would like to join, email Elinor Tennyson at admin@olympicuuf.com or call (360) 417-2665



Ken Nielsen arrangement – thank you!

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CHILDREN’S R.E. PROGRAM

By Julia Buggy



This week in R.E. we continued our famous UU series with Louisa May Alcott, famous author, women’s rights activist and civil war nurse. Her family worked to abolish slavery and joined the underground railroad. She worked to support so many of our UU principles. There was some dancing, yoga, singing and games. As always, come join us on Sunday Mornings at 10:15 am as we learn together and search for truth Zoom link: Contact Julia Buggy at Juliafbuggy@gmail.com

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“JO” ROSS PASSED FEBRUARY 13TH

By Cyndi Ross



Lila Joan Ross, known as “Jo” here at OUUF, died February 13, from lung cancer complications. She was born on June 26, 1930 in Mullenville, a little town in SW Kansas, during the middle of wheat harvest. She was conservative in politics, but liberal in just about everything else, especially religion and women’s rights. She found kindred spirits here at OUUF, where she could think her thoughts, discuss her doubts, and not be hindered by dogma. She particularly enjoyed Vivian Mulligan’s TED Talk Tuesdays and Joseph Bednarik’s visits. She made many friends at OUUF, particularly Nick Dante. They shared milkshake dates, an occasional bottle of beer, and lively “discussions” on the day’s issues.

We had planned a big 90th birthday party here at OUUF for friends and family last summer but had to cancel due to COVID. Now her ashes will be interred with her husband, Don, and her son, Mark in Bartlesville Oklahoma, where a family reunion and celebration of her life will hopefully take place this summer. Her presence and radiant smile will be missed by her daughter, Cyndi and her family.

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Friendship garden project:

Friendship Garden construction progress!

The Friendship Team has carefully removed two inches of earth over an 1100 square foot area. It was very hard work, made much lighter with the help of many hands and some friendly banter! They are now laying a brick border and preparing for sand and basalt.



Rose Prestipino and Oliver supervising delivery of brick



The crew hard at work



THE GOAL



Phil Zenner celebrating the progress



Brian Berardo taking a break



Elinor Tennyson cheering the crew since she can't help with the actual work. Daughter Cindy Grey taking a break

If you'd like to help, call Rose Prestipino at 360-922-4409, or email her at roseprestipino@gmail.com.

Or, if you'd really love to help but you're just not physically able, we could also use donations, large and tiny, to buy more of the delightful and very comfortable glider furniture and the cast stone birdbath that will be an integral part of the Garden! **If you'd like to help financially, please send checks clearly marked “Friendship Garden” to PO Box 576, Carlsborg, WA 98324.** Thank you!!

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VIEWPOINT - EMAIL DISCUSSION GROUP:



A group of us have started a discussion group via email. We would like to invite others to join in. Anyone in the group can suggest a topic. Then the participants send a reply at their convenience. Here are some advantages of this discussion group:

- *Safety (no in person contact)*
- *Convenience - you don't have to schedule a fixed time, you just respond at your convenience*
- *Informal - say what's on your mind with a comfortable group of OUUF folks - none of the pitfalls of some social media forums*

New topics will be submitted on the 1st and 15th of each month. Any participant can submit a topic." Contact Cynthia at cythiagreen@outlook.com

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CARE CARDS:

As a member of the OUUF Care Team Cynthia Green has mailed out handmade cards to many in our congregation. If you can think of someone you think would enjoy getting a card, please email Cynthia at cynthiagreen@outlook.com. If she has not recently sent one to that person, she will make one for them and mail it to that person. Cynthia has been using the OUUF roster for addresses



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OUUF Pastoral Care Team

The Caring Team supports and reaches out to members and friends of OUUF who are experiencing life changes, challenges, loss, illness, death or loneliness. We also share in moments of joy. Pastoral Caring Team members offer a special touch of human kindness and an open ear. We are a caring, listening presence, although we do not counsel, offer therapy or advice.

We recognize and respect the importance of confidentiality in all information imparted to the Pastoral Care Team members.

Our Services include:

- Hospital, Nursing home and Home visits—listening and companionship
 - Transportation—arranging rides as needed
- Temporary Meals –arrange to have meals delivered during illness or need
- Mailing greeting cards for illness or other needs

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If you or someone you care about needs a listening ear or a helping hand, please contact our Team Leader: Jean Stratton Pastoral Care Team Leader
360 452-6719 jeanmstratton@gmail.com

If you think you may be interested in volunteering for the Pastoral Care team, please contact Jean by email: jeanmstratton@gmail.com, or call 360 452 6719. It's not labor intensive. Just bring a caring heart and a willing to connect with others. Thanks so much.

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SUNDAY SERVICE
March 7, 2021

Rev. Bruce Bode

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Sermon Title: The Boundless Deep

Description: Two of Alfred Lord Tennyson's most well-known poems, "Ulysses" and "Crossing the Bar," assist us in exploring one of the great polarities of human life: doing *and* being, striving *and* surrendering, never to yield *and* always to yield.

Poem for reflection

I am not I.
I am this one
Walking beside me whom I do not see,
Whom at times I manage to visit,
And whom at other times I forget;
The one who remains silent when I talk,
The one who forgives, sweet, when I hate,
The one who takes a walk where I am not,
The one who will remain standing when I die.

("I Am Not I," Juan Ramon Jiminez, tr. Robert Bly, from *The Soul Is Here For Its Own Joy*, p. 246)

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